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PURDUE RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR \$42 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS

INDIANAPOLIS—State Rep. Sheila Klinker (D-Lafayette) said the State Budget Committee gave Purdue

University approval to invest \$42,100,000 for infrastructure and utilities improvements on the West Lafayette campus.

The committee gave the bonding authority to Purdue for the project during a Friday meeting on the Indiana State University campus in Terre Haute.

The project includes construction of a new electric substation on the north campus to replace the existing electric substation at the old North Power Plant. The aging electrical distribution feeders and switchgear will be replaced as well. Cost for the new substation and upgrades will be \$23.6 million. In addition, the project calls for the re-direction of storm water from the currently used retention pond into planned cleaning basins that flow into the river. This portion of the project will cost \$9.5 million. In addition to the above-mentioned, \$9 million will be spent for installation of emission controls on one of the campus' coal-fired boilers.

"I appreciate the interest the State Budget Committee has taken in Purdue University," said Klinker. "While the university blazes new trails in academics and technological innovation, it is important to make sure Purdue's infrastructure is upgraded and maintained to support the efforts of our talented professors and students. It is a wise investment to ensure the university is prepared to meet its future energy needs."

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